assessment, market analysis, marketing segmentation, marketing support etc.

To encourage design and development in the field of computer software and software engineering.

To train professionals in the field of software technology and software engineering.

The facilities provided under NSIC-STP are:—

"Clean room" conditions.

Stand by power supply through Diesel Generating set and stablised supply (of DESU).

International data communication channels.

One telephone line for each unit.

Business Centre with facilities like photocopy, fax machines etc.

Pantry facilities.

With the above facilities sites are ready for occupation to operationalise the activities of user SSI units. 15 units are expected to be accommodated in the park.

Applications received for patenting

6452. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether applications for patents have been received from foreign companies with regard to traditionally Indian products such as 'Neem' products, 'Amla' products, 'Ayurvedic' products, herbal products etc;

(b) if so, what are the products of this nature for which such applications are received; and

(c) what is Government's policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Applications have been received from foreign companies for process patents for preparing neem oil and other herbs.

(c) As per the provisions of the Patents Act, 1970, medicines or drugs are not patentable but the process for manufacture of these substances is patentable.

Setting up of National Quality Council

6453. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a National Quality Council in the country;

(b) if so, what will be the main functions of the Council; and

(c) how many members will be inducted into the Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The proposal regarding setting up of National Quality Council is under consideration of the Government.

Activities of National Small Industries Corporation in Andhra Pradesh

6454. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Small Industries Corporation has financed and new units in Andhra Pradesh in 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NSIC has been inactive in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the steps proposed to enhance the activities of National small Industries Corporation in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantum of Assistance provided in Andhra Pradesh by the Corporation under its various schemes in 1994-95 is as under:—

	Activity	No. of Units	Value of assistance (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Financial Assistance provided	29	425.87
2.	Tool Kits supplied under Development of Rural and back-ward area to rural artisans	4000 Kits	70.00
3.	Consultancy provided	51	
4.	Units registered under Government Purchase Programme	46	
5.	Units provided assistance under enterprises building programme.	35	
6.	Total man power trained in varoius trades.	152	
7.	Training of Rural Youth	117	
8.	Awareness programme for NSIC support services	12	

(c) and (d): No, Sir. The Corporation has been active in Andhra Pradesh and it has opened a branch Office at Hyderabad, where a Senior Branch Manager has been posted. The Corporation has also opened a PDTC for Electronics at Hyderabad and a Sub-Centre at Khammam for providing training in various technical trades. The Corporation is maintaining constant interaction with small industries, Industrial Associations, Directorate of Industries, Small Industries Service Institute and other Government Departments in the state for providing services to the small scale sector.

Sick SSI units in Andhra Pradesh

6455. **SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3901 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1995 and state the number of sick Small Scale Industrial Units in Andhra Pradesh?**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): As per the report from the Reserve Bank of India, the number of sick Small Scale Industrial (SSI) Units in Andhra Pradesh as at the end of March, 1992, 1993 and 1994 are as under:—

As On	No. of sick SSI units in Andhra Pradesh
31st March, 1992	29,586
31st March, 1993	20,294
31st March, 1994	13,842

उद्योगों की स्थापना हेतु हरियाणा को उपलब्ध करायी गई राज-सहायता

6456. श्री रामजी लाल: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में उद्योग स्थापित करने के लिये देश के "उद्योग-विहीन जिलों" (नो इंडस्ट्री डिस्ट्रिक्ट्स) को राज सहायता उपलब्ध कराती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस योजना के अन्तर्गत गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान हरियाणा को राज-सहायता उपलब्ध करायी है; और